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ECUMENICAL COUNCIL.

Methodist Church Will Hold Its Second Great Meeting.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Today the Ecumenical Methodist Council began its sessions in this city. Once before in the history of the church, founded 150 years ago in England by the Wesley brothers, have the branches springing off from the parent stalk come together, and, laying aside all differences and avoiding all systematic dissensions, listened to suggestions of the best men of all divisions and sought to find means to promote the common cause and the common good. This was in London ten years ago, and so fruitful was the seed then sown, and so abundant the ensuing harvest of good works that it was resolved to reassemble for conference at the expiration of every decade.

The council which convenes here today is therefore second in the history of the Methodist church. All the denominations and branches of this great church in all parts of the world will be represented by 500 delegates. Not less than 200 of these are expected to come from the British division, the oldest wing of the Methodist church, including in its ranks besides ecclesiastical dignitaries many statesmen of renown and men of wide-world scientific and legal ability. These will also be delegates (representing two distinct branches of Methodism) from France, Australia, Ireland, South Africa and the West Indies. Then—more numerous in sections—there will

be 300 delegates from the new world representing seventeen branches of the Methodist church on this continent. These delegates are classified as follows: Methodist Episcopal, 126; Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 64; African Methodist Episcopal, 18; African Methodist Episcopal Zion, 15; Colored Methodist Episcopal, 9; American Wesleyan, 6; Union American Methodist Episcopal, 3; African Union Methodist Protestant, 3; Methodist Protestant, 9; Free Methodist, 3; Congregational Methodist, 3; Methodist Church of Canada, 24; Primitive Methodist, 3; Independent Methodist, 2; United Brethren in Christ, 2; United Brethren in Christ (old constitution), 2; British Methodist Episcopal, 3. So twenty-nine divisions of the Methodist church will be represented in the council. Among the American churchmen are many bishops; among the English there are none, as the office is unknown to them.

This council, like its predecessor, is to be confined to discussion, as from its nature there can be no legislation. No delegate or organization will be bound by what is said or done here. The animating purpose is to bring out the brightest and most practicable ideas of the most thoughtful and wisest representatives of the church, and the application of these ideas will be left to the discretion of the separate divisions. The most radical difference to be noted between the coming council and one held in

London is revealed in the list of subjects selected for discussion. In the first council "Methodism" formed the principal topic of discussion, but in this council the programme has been diversified so as to touch upon questions of the day. The discussion of abstract ecclesiastical dogmas finds small space, but whole days are set apart for the consideration of questions relating to temperance, education, missions, Romanism, social problems, the issues between capital and labor, the relation of Methodism to scientific thought, and practical church work.

The various committees have made all the necessary arrangements for the comfort of the delegates and the conduct of the sessions. The council will be held in the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church, and the first session began at 10 o'clock today. The morning session was devoted to religious services. Rev. Wm. Arthur, M. A., of London, delivered the sermon, and communion was administered. At the afternoon session addresses of welcome were delivered by Bishop Hurst, of this city, and others, and the business meeting then began.

Wayne Burnham, of Grand Rapids, Mich., has secured employment with the Watanga Boom & Lumber Co.

S. H. Tucker's saw mill near Lawrenceburg, together with a large lot of lumber and saw logs, was destroyed by fire last week.

STARVING IN RUSSIA.

Terrible Suffering Among the People—Relief Promised.

BOSTON, Oct. 7.—Cable advices from Russia received at the Jewish colony in the north end says that entire states are being deserted on account of famine. They also assert that a new law has been made forbidding the sowing of seed this fall, so that the acreage next year will not be sufficient for home supply, still less for export. So great is the distress that people have been driven to pillaging each other, first setting fire to villages and then robbing the inhabitants. The distress is a greater menace to the government than all the efforts of the Nihilists, and the famine may cause a revolution where the love of liberty has failed. Aid is being sent in by the Holland Jews and the Nihilist societies of America, the latter having sent \$5,300.

INSECT PLAGUE

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 7.—The destitute peasantry in the district of Skopine are subsisting almost wholly upon bread made of stitchwort, and even that is beginning to fail. The rye worm pest is making havoc in the districts of Malo, Archaneiso, Ninij, Arsumof and Gorbaloof and threatens to destroy the winter crops there. About 5,000 Russian immigrants have recently crossed the Siberian frontier to Turmen. In the Province of Samara, in the eastern part of Russia, the government relief for starving people

has been restricted to a pound and a half of bread daily to each person.

RAISING RELIEF FUNDS.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 7.—All classes of citizens here following the example of the Czar, have resolved to abandon all entertainments during the winter and to contribute the money thus saved, to the fund for alleviating the distress of the famishing people. Most of the public officials announce their intention to devote a certain percentage of their salaries to the same purpose. The workmen have decided to give a proportion of their humble wages, and even the children will offer their little savings. Collections are to be taken up on every feast day in all the churches. A stream of relief is coming through the channels, but the system of distribution, it is claimed, is very defective.

DENUNCIATION BY THE PRESS.

LONDON, Oct. 7.—The newspaper press of St. Petersburg denounce the conduct of the merchants and members of the nobility for seeking profits from their stores of corn, while the poor peasants are starving. They make a strong appeal to the government to remove the edict prohibiting the export of rye and substitute therefore a heavy tax on the exportation of all cereals.

Stock water as well as water for household purposes is getting exceedingly scarce in some portions of West Tennessee.

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Four thousand dollars worth of long trip tickets were stolen from the railroad ticket office at Athens recently.

Late corn in Tennessee, Kentucky and North Alabama is suffering for want of moisture.

Distillers of brands in Warren county are manufacturing a large amount of brandies this season.